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Dear Mr. ~~Frey~~ *Jun*:

Enclosed is a proposed letter to Chairman Rodino in support of H.R. 6212, a bill to extend the protection of federal criminal law to Intelligence Community personnel and probation pretrial services employees. Your advice is requested whether there is any objection to the submission of this letter from the standpoint of the President's program.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Briggs
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The Honorable Peter W. Rodino
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to state the support of the Intelligence Community for H.R. 6212, a bill to extend the protection of federal criminal law to Intelligence Community personnel and probation pretrial services employees.

The Executive Branch and Congress have been in agreement as to the need for this legislation for some time. The Intelligence Community has sought the inclusion of its personnel within the list of protected federal officials for many years. Earlier this year, Vice Admiral E. A. Burkhalter, Jr., U.S.N., Director of the Intelligence Community Staff, restated this support in his testimony before the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice of the House Judiciary Committee. Additionally, there is a long history of Congressional consideration and support of this proposal in both the 96th and 97th Congresses. During this Congress, the Senate has passed similar legislation, S. 779. Finally, I want to stress that this is a provision for which the President has previously indicated his support. In commenting on an earlier bill containing this provision, the President said: "I completely support some of the features of H.R. 3963, such as the Federal Intelligence Personnel Protection Act."

This legislation is essential to ensure that Intelligence Community personnel have the same protection afforded under current law to many other employees of the Federal Government. I commend your Committee for its support of this bill and urge its enactment. A copy of this letter is also being sent to Representative John Conyers, Jr.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence